

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JULY 21, 2015

President Pro Tem Tim Shuffett called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Justin White with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Shuffett.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker, and James Lienhoop were present. Mayor Brown was absent.
- D. Councilor Brand made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on July 7, 2015 as presented. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. First reading of the Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_, 2015 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 8.24 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, GARBAGE AND REFUSE" Carl Malysz, Community Development Director, presented a brief explanation of the proposed amendments to the City's current ordinance dealing with exterior conditions of property, primarily the storage of materials located outside a residence and placement of city-owned containers (toters). Jeff Logston, City Attorney and Executive Director of Administration, detailed further revisions which resulted from discussions during the June 16, 2015 Council meeting. He provided Council with two proposed versions of an amended ordinance for Council's consideration. Version #1 included language regarding toter placement, accumulation of solid waste, fines, and outdoor open storage. Version #2 includes all items in version #1 with the exception of toter placement, which is eliminated completely. Much discussion followed. Councilor Miller brought up the open outdoor storage section in the ordinance and possible revision of the 5 foot setback requirement for an outdoor shed. Fred Barnett, Code Enforcement Coordinator, stated he is not aware of any complaints regarding the location of a shed. The complaints he receives pertain to the condition of the shed or storage barn. Councilor Shuffett opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the first reading of the ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Councilor Jerome made a motion to amend the ordinance to include the language in proposed version #2. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Dascal Bunch	Aye
Ryan Brand	Nay
Frank Jerome	Aye
Tim Shuffett	Nay
Frank Miller	Nay

Kenneth Whipker	Aye
James Lienhoop	Nay

Motion denied for the acceptance of version #2 by a vote of three (3) in favor and four (4) opposing votes. Councilor Miller made a motion to accept proposed version #1. Councilor Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed. Councilor Jerome voted nay. Councilor Brand made a motion to pass the amended ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed. The nay vote was Councilor Jerome.


### **III. New Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. First reading of the Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 13, 2015 AS AMENDED FROM ORDINANCE NO. 38, 2014 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015." Jeff Logston presented this ordinance. He explained this is an amendment of the salary ordinance to increase the overtime line in Animal Care Services by \$5,000. Jeff stated that due to lack of part time help, there has been an increase in overtime for the department. The funds would be transferred from part-time to overtime, and this is not a request for an additional appropriation. There were no comments from the public. Jeff asked the Council to consider suspending the rules of order to pass this in one reading. Councilor Jerome made a motion to suspend the rules of order and pass this ordinance in one reading. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote to suspend the rules of order. Councilor Jerome made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- B. First reading of the Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_, 2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO CR (COMMERCIAL: REGIONAL CENTER)." (Columbus Crossing Rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance. He explained this rezoning request resulting from discussions with Chevrolet of Columbus during the Council meeting regarding their tax abatement request. At that time the Council took the steps to place in motion to change the zoning from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Commercial Regional (CR), which would be consistent with how similar areas are zoned in Columbus. The Columbus Plan Commission recommended to the Council that the area remain in the PUD and not be rezoned. They also recommended that the PUD be altered to provide the Commission with additional discretion for signage. Much discussion followed. Councilor Miller stated before he would move forward with a rezoning request he would like to hear more about why there needs to be approval of 90 foot signs. Jeff stated there was a discussion at the Plan Commission meeting regarding an inconsistency in the way the PUD is written which gives the commission discretion over many areas, except for signage. Councilor Shuffett stated the issue for approval is rezoning the property from PUD to CR. He explained they could allow Jeff to present to the Plan Commission the idea of a discretionary plan for signage. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett called for a vote. Item dies for lack of a motion.

#### IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Bunch stated the Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Board voted unanimously to hire a new MPO Director that would report to the Columbus Planning Director, Jeff Bergman. Zach Ellison spoke on behalf of the CAMPO Board. He explained a new director would be an integral part of the Planning Department. Jeff Bergman stated the Policy Board made their recommendation and asked that the County Commissioners be consulted. The County was unanimously in favor of hiring a director for MPO. Jeff asked for consensus from the Council on how to move forward and direction on advertising for the position. Much discussion followed. Councilor Shuffett suggested moving forward with hiring an MPO Director.
- B. Discussion for Property Tax Abatement for Distressed Residential Areas – Carl Malysz, Community Development Director, advised the Council that he continues to research options for this abatement process, and plans to have specific details for the Council during the first meeting in August.
- C. Luann Welmer, Clerk Treasurer, provided the Council with information regarding the city's bi-weekly pay, which will result in 27 pay periods, versus the normal 26 pay. She explained if the 27 bi-weekly pays schedule were delayed until 2016, employees would receive a delay in accessing payroll deposited funds until Monday, January 4, 2016. It was suggested that the 27<sup>th</sup> pay be added to the calendar year 2015, with a payroll deposit on Thursday, December 31, 2015. Jeff Logston stated the city might be able to cover the additional payroll expense by transferring unused budgeted appropriations from the 200s and 300s into the 100 category. Council members recommended adding the 27<sup>th</sup> bi-weekly pay to the 2015 calendar year.
- D. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**
- E. Councilor Jerome made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:26 P.M.

  
Presiding Officer

Attest:   
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus